The Transfiguration

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INTRODUCTION

- I'd like for us to focus on another event from the life of Christ, one that is too often neglected, but one that I believe ties every event of the life of Christ together.
- The three synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record this event.
- A cloud descends upon them, and a voice from heaven declares, This is my son, my chosen one, in whom I am well pleased. Hear him.

1 God's Answer to the Question "Who Am I?"

Matthew 16:13–16; Matthew 16:21

- They are God's answer to the question that Jesus asked in Matthew chapter 16.
- Jesus wasn't simply grooming reporters who would tell what other people think about him. He was preparing witnesses who would tell what they saw and what they knew about him.
- Peter understood the person of Jesus, that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. But at this moment, at least, he failed to understand the mission of Jesus.
- God finally and definitively answering the question, who is the Son of Man? And not only answering the question about his person, but explaining his mission.
- Through humiliation he would receive heavenly glory.

2 The Privileged Three Got to See His Glory

Hebrews 1:1–3; John 1:14

- To see maybe what were intended to be the representative of the law and the prophets before Jesus.
- And to hear that voice declare that Jesus is superior to the law and the prophets.
- God who at various times and in different ways spoke in times past by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son.
- They were among the very few who heard the voice of God speaking to them from that cloud.
- The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory. The glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

3 We Get to Have Our Moment

2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Peter 1:16–21

- Where's my mountaintop moment? What am I to gain from this event and the other events in the life of Christ, since I didn't get to see them.
- If you're a child of God, you've had a moment in your life where it clicked.
- God is revealing himself to me in the person of Jesus Christ and through his revealed word.

- We all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed in the same image from glory to glory.
- We did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. But were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- Peter says you listen to the eyewitnesses. And you let that be your light.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you had that moment in your life? To where you studied the scriptures or heard it preached or taught to you, and you understood the will of God.**

MY NOTES